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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Original claims 1-8 were canceled and new claims 9-18 were presented therefor in the Preliminary Amendment filed December 18, 2001.

Claims 9, 12, 13, and 18 are amended by this response.

Claims 1-8 (canceled)

9. (currently amended) Insulation element (4, 4'), comprising at least one nonwoven layer (5) and/or a foam layer (11) being enclosed by a first film layer (1), and further comprising a second film of a material which supports vapor diffusion, wherein the film layer (1) comprises a flame-retardant material ~~preferably~~ closed to vapour diffusion, wherein the first film layer (1) has through-openings (2), and the through-openings (2) are closed by the second film of material which is open to vapour diffusion.

10. (currently amended) Insulation element according to claim 9, wherein the through-openings (2) comprise cut-outs (2) formed in the first film layer (1) and the

~~cut-outs (2) are closed by a second film (3) of material which is open to vapour diffusion, is~~ disposed in a window-like manner relative to the through openings in the first film layer.

11. (previously presented) Insulation element according to claim 9, wherein the through-openings (2) are formed as circular holes.

12. (currently amended) Insulation element according to claim 10, wherein the second film (3) is disposed as a second film layer under the first film layer (1) constituting an outer film layer and such that it covers the latter even in regions without through-openings (2).

13. (currently amended) Insulation element according to claim 10, wherein the second film (3) and the first film layer (1) constituting an outer film layer are laminated to each other.

14. (previously presented) Insulation element according to claim 12, further comprising a third film layer (1') disposed under the second film layer (3) and the third film layer (1') has through-openings (2') which are open to vapour diffusion.

15. (previously presented) Insulation element according to claim 14, wherein the third film layer (1') is made of a flame-retardant material.

16. (previously presented) Insulation element according to claim 9, wherein the flame-retardant material is selected from the group consisting of polyimide, PPS, PET, PVF and PVDF.

17. (previously presented) Insulation element according to claim 15, wherein the flame-retardant material is selected from the group consisting of polyimide, PPS, PET, PVF and PVDF.

18. (currently amended) Insulation element according to claim 12, wherein the second film (3) and the first film layer (1) constituting an outer film layer are laminated to each other.